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FIRE PROTECTION

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1. The Air Force must be able to protect its people and resources from fire and disasters. When called upon, it makes its fire prevention and handling capabilities available to assist national and civil authorities. This directive establishes policies for fire protection and prevention to meet Air Force needs and obligations.
2. The Air Force will:
 - 2.1. Provide commanders the mission capabilities to fight aircraft and structural fires and perform rescues.
 - 2.2. Establish a program to educate personnel on and enforce fire prevention standards.
 - 2.3. Ensure its fire protection operations comply with all applicable national, state, local, and Department of Defense (DoD) regulations, as well as National Fire Codes published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
 - 2.4. Maintain fire protection services to respond to emergencies involving hazardous materials, emergency rescues, and first-aid.
 - 2.4.1. These services will support civil authorities when called upon, under DoD Instruction 6055.6, *Department of Defense Fire Protection Program*, August 1, 1988.
3. The following responsibilities and authorities are established:
 - 3.1. The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment (SAF/MI) is responsible for fire protection policy matters as described in Air Force Policy Directive 90-1, *Strategic Planning and Policy Formulation*, paragraph 1.5.2. SAF/MI approval is required before this document is changed, reissued, or rescinded.

3.2. SAF/MI provides broad policy and Air Force-wide performance oversight. Additionally, they are the principal representatives and advocates with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, Federal agencies, and Congress.

3.3. HQ USAF/CE provides policies, advocates resources for, and oversees the Air Force's Fire Protection Program.

3.4. Major command (MAJCOM) commanders and Chief, National Guard Bureau, provide Fire Protection Programs and the resources needed to comply with these policies.

4. Terms Explained:

4.1. The National Fire Codes , published by NFPA, provide standards recognized by DoD, the Department of Labor, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). National consensus standards are professional standards, outlined in the National Fire Codes, that address areas not covered by regulatory standards such as OSHA.

4.2. Hazardous Materials are substances that pose a threat to human health or to the environment due to their toxic, corrosive, ignitable, explosive, or chemically reactive nature; or those substances designated as hazardous under Section 10(14) of the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980* .

5. This policy applies to all Air Force installations and to the Air Force's government-owned, contractor-operated facilities.

6. This directive implements national policies outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations; DoD Instruction 6055.6; and National Fire Codes, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1910.120, *Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response* , and Part 1960.26, *Conduct of Inspections* .

7. This directive interfaces with AFI 32-4001, Disaster Preparedness Planning and Operations (formerly AFR 355-1).

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Attachment 1

MEASURING AND DISPLAYING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

A1.1. Air Force fire protection and prevention program policy will be assessed by measuring fiscal year fire losses and then comparing that data to Air Force fire loss experiences of the previous year (figure A1.1). Measurements will be charted annually to display trends. MAJCOMs will provide this information to HQ AFCESA/DF by 10 October of each year. HQ AFCESA/DF will consolidate and report its measurement to HQ AF/CE through RCS: HAF-CE(A) 9316, *US Air Force Fire Loss* . Reporting during emergency conditions will be delayed (emergency status code C-3).

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Air Force Fire Losses.

